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1. U.S. Patent No. 2,810,117 issued October 15, 1957, to H.W. Abbott.
2. U.S. Patent No. 2,836,806 issued June 2, 1955, to R.C. Stroup.
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,140,967 issued April 27, 1960, to W. Kaufmann, et al.
4. U.S. Patent No. 3,814,828 issued June 4, 1974, to Gazda.
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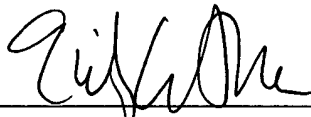
6. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0142164, Oct. 3, 2002 by Pavlisin, et al.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be considered by the Examiner.

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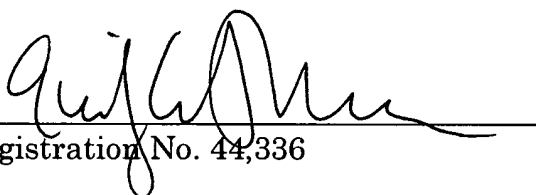
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